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Reference: Amended 30 Day Post-General Report (10/19/00-11/2700)

Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee

(1D No. C00042366)

Dear Ms. Williamson:

We write to respond to your letter dated August 1, 2001, regarding the Amended 30 Day Post-General Report filed by the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee ("DSCC"). The DSCC contends that it has properly disclosed the transaction discussed in your letter, and believes this contention to be supported by a review of the specific law and facts involved.

On October 19, 2000, the DSCC made a donation of \$195,000 to the nonfederal account of the Congressional Black Caucus PAC. The DSCC made this donation to be used at the recipient's sole discretion, and expressed no view as to how the funds should be spent.

Earlier in 2000, the Commission had informed political committees, including the DSCC, that they would violate the Act if they "failed to allocate, between their federal and nonfederal accounts, payments made to outside organizations to conduct generic voter drives." See Allocating Expenses for Generic Voter Drives Conducted by Third Parties, FEC Record, March 2000, at 2. The Commission's statement followed the judgment of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of

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